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Course: PAKISTAN & NEIGHBOURS (9363)
Level: BS

Semester: Autumn, 2026

Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, B.Ed, MA/MSc, M.Ed, MPhil and PhD)

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks, but within a question, the marks are distributed according to their requirements.
2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the question.
3. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.
4. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.
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6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.
7. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guides, or allied materials.

ASSIGNMENT No. 1
(Units 1-4)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 50

- Q.1: Examine Pakistan's geographical position and evaluate its strategic significance for neighboring countries, focusing on regional connectivity, trade, and security considerations. (20)
- Q.2: How has history influenced and complicated the relationship between India and Pakistan, and explain which major issues remain as significant obstacles to achieving lasting peace between the two countries (20)

- Q.3: Discuss the possible economic benefits of the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for Pakistan and analyze its implications for China-Pakistan strategic relations (20)
- Q.4: Explain the development of Iran-Pakistan relations from 1947 to 1979, focusing on the political, regional, and security factors that shaped their interactions. (20)
- Q.5: Write short notes on the following topics: (10+10=20)
- (i). Bandung Conference 1955
 - (ii) Pakistan as a gateway for the Central Asian region

ASSIGNMENT No. 2
(Unit 5–9)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 50

- Q.1: Discuss the efforts made through SAARC to promote reconciliation between India and Pakistan and explain the impact of SAARC on their mutual trade relations. (20)
- Q.2: Explain the prospects for developing good relations between Bangladesh and Pakistan, and what factors could support or hinder this process (20)
- Q.3: Discuss the historical trends of economic growth and development in Pakistan, and critically analyze the prospects for its future economic growth (20)
- Q.4: What are the major challenges in Pakistan’s relations with Central Asian States, and what potential routes and strategies could enhance connectivity and cooperation? (20)
- Q.5: Write short notes on the following topics: (10+10)
- (i) Geo-strategic importance of South Asia
 - (ii) Pakistan’s stakes in Afghanistan